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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES - TOKYO MEETING

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1. MEMBER UK DELEGATION TO TOKYO MEETING, IN DISCUSSION WITH MISOFF, MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS REGARDING FORTHCOMING MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES IN TOKYO.

2. UK IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET EFFORTS TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO UNIDO, ON GROUNDS THAT SUCH A TRANSFER WOULD LESSEN WEO INFLUENCE AND INCREASE SOVIET INFLUENCE OVER UN NATURAL RESOURCES FUNCTIONS. UK DEL MADE FURTHER COMMENT THAT TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS FROM CNR TO UNIDO BEING ENCOURAGED BY DIEGO CROVOVEZ, SECRETARY OF ECOSOC. UK PLANS TO TAKE A STRONG STAND ON THIS ISSUE IN TOKYO, PROBABLY BY REAFFIRMING CNR'S RESPONSIBILITIES WITH SUCH REAFFIRMATION TO BE ENDORSED BY ECOSOC. UK WOULD LIKE US SUPPORT.

2. SECOND POINT MADE BY UK DEL RELATED TO UN REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION. HE FEELS THAT WITH

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REGARD THIS FUNCTION THAT THE ISSUE OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY

IS "THE LYNCH CRY OF THE MOB." WENT ON TO SAY THAT SUPPORT OF FUND AT THIS TIME WOULD BE A PERILOUS UNDERTAKING, SINCE THE LDC'S APPEAR TO BE INCLINED TO VIEW THE FUND AS A TROJAN HORSE, I.E. THE FUND WOULD BE A VEHICLE OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO EXPLOIT MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE LDC'S. HE INDICATED THAT THE UK WAS AWARE OF POSSIBLE ABSOLUTE SHORTAGES OCCURRING IN THE MINERALS FIELDSOMETIME IN THE FUTURE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF DECREASED EXPLORATION IN THE LDC'S FOLLOWING RASH OF NATIONALIZATIONS AND THE LIKE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. HOWEVER, UK VIEW IS TO GET THE LDC IMPRIMATUR ON THE FUND FUND BEFORE ANY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND, AT LEAST BY THE UK.

3. FINAL ITEM MENTIONED BY UK DEL WAS THAT IN UK VIEW IT PROBABLY BEST THAT STATEMENTS OF A GENERAL DEBATE SORT BE FOREGONE, SINCE SUCH STATEMENTS MIGHT PROVOKE PROLITICAL RHETORIC BY SOME LDC DELEGATIONS.

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